

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servents – Revenue Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam, Village Revenue Officer, Vellanka village, Kirlampudi mandal, East Godavari District – Trapped on 4-3-2008 – Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE(VIG.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 1040

Dated:19-08-2008

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam worked as Village Revenue Officer, Vellanka village, Kirlampudi mandal, East Godavari District from 1-1-2002 to 4-3-2008 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of public servant as defined under Section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.(Central Act 49 of 1988);

And whereas, Sri Gande Veera Venkata Ramana, S/o Perraju, working as sales supervisor in Swaraj Tractors, Mandapet, resident of Vellanka Village, Kirlampudi Mandal, wanted to participate in Municipal Asselu Contracts. For that Gande Veera Venkata Ramana required a 'Land Valuation Certificate' for the purpose of solvency. His father has Ac 1-90 cents wet land in Survey No.188/3 at Vellanka village in Kirlampudi Mandal. One week prior to 3-3-2005 Sri Gande Veera Venkata Ramana along with his father went to the Tahsildhar's office, Kirlampudi and gave an application to the Tahsildhar for issuing land valuation certificate. The Tahsildhar put his initial on the application and instructed them to hand it over to the Village Revenue Officer, Vellanka for verification and preparation of Land Valuation Certificate. On that, Sri G.Veera Venkata Ramana handed over the application to Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam, Village Revenue Officer, Vellanka Village the next day i.e. on 24-2-2008. The Village Revenue Officer Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam informed Sri G.Veera Venkata Ramana that he would issue the Land Valuation certificate within two days. Later, when Sri G.Veera Venkata Ramana met the Village Revenue Officer Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam saying today and tomorrow and moved around him. Finally, on 3-3-2008 evening when Sri G.Veera Venkata Ramana met the Village Revenue Officer Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam at his residence, he demanded Rs.2000/- for issuing of the land valuation certificate. Then Sri G.Veera Venkata Ramana pleaded his inability to give such an amount towards bribe. On that Sri A.Nagabhushanam demanded at least to pay Rs.1500/- by the next day, then only he can prepare and issue after obtaining the signature by the Tahsildhar, otherwise certificate would not be issued. As there was no other go, Sri G.Veera Venkata Ramana agreed for that and went to his house and discussed the matter with his father, and both were unwilling to pay the bribe amount to Sri A.Nagabhushanam for issuing of Land Valuation Certificate;

And whereas, Sri G.Veera Venkata Ramana unwilling to pay the bribe amount to Sri A.Nagabhushanam, he approached Anti Corruption Bureau office, Kakinada and lodged a written report before Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Kakinada on 3-3-2008 at 06-00 P.M. for taking necessary action against the Village Revenue Officer Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam upon which a case was registered in Cr.No.2/RCT-RJY/2008 under section 7, 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of corruption Act, 1988 against Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam, Village Revenue Officer, Vellanka village, Kirlampudi Mandal on 4-3-2008 at 12-00 Noon, after following all the necessary formalities and investigated into;

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And whereas, on 4-3-2008 at 4-15 P.M. Sri Gande Veera Venkata Ramana met the Village Revenue Officer Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam at the entrance of Gramapanchayat office, Jagapathinagaram. After ascertaining that Gande Veera Venkata Ramana brought the bribe amount Sri A.Nagabhushanam demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.1500/- from his right hand and kept the same amount of Rs.1500/- in his right side pant pocket and informed Sri G.Veera Venkata Ramana that he would prepare and issue land valuation certificate after arrival of Revenue Inspector and Tahsildar on that day itself or by the next day. When both the hand fingers of Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam when subjected to chemical test, only right hand yielded positive result. The tainted amount of Rs.1500/- was recovered from the right side pant pocket of Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam. The inner linings of right side pant pocket of Aakula Nagabhushanam when subjected to Sodium Carbonate solution yielded positive result. The tainted amount of Rs.1500/- and the original application of the father of Sri G.Veera Venkata Ramana was seized from the house of Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam during post trap proceedings;

And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam, Village Revenue Officer, Vellanka Village, Kirlampudi Mandal, East Godavari district constitute offences punishable under section 7 and 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act.49 of 1988);

And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove said Sri Aakula Nagabhushanam, Village Revenue Officer, Vellanka Village, Kirlampudi Mandal, East Godavari district from service, after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them in respect of the aforesaid allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Aakula Nagabhushanam should be prosecuted in a court of law for the aforesaid offences.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) sub section(1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Aakula Nagabhushanam, Village Revenue Officer, Vellanka Village, Kirlampudi Mandal, East Godavari district for the said offences punishable under section 7 and 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognizable offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the afore said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the court of competent jurisdiction.
(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SUDHIR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
The Director General,
Anti Corruption Bureau
Hyderabad.